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Fourth year: J. C. Brown, H. M. Granade, W. M. Watson.

ROLL OF MEMBERS AND DELEGATES FOR 1884.

 ${\tt Note.}{-}{\tt The}$ figures opposite each name indicate the days the member or delegate was present at Conference.

present at conference.		
Name.	Date of admission. Days present.	Date of admission. Days pres-
1. Benoni Harris. 2. Robert G. Brittain. 3. John Rhyne. 4. George A. Dannelly 5. Ed. T. Jones 6. Moses C. Morris 7. Henry T. Gregory 8. John H. Dye. 9. William M. Watson 10. Elias M. Baker 11. William R. Foster 12. John F. Armstrong. 13. Edwin A. Garrison. 14. Thomas Vincent 15. John M. Talkington 16. Thomas A. Craig. 17. Jefferson J. Alexander 18. James C. Carter 19. George A. Shaeffer 20. Josephus Anderson. 21. Zachary T. Bennett 22. George M. Hill 23. James F. Jernigan 24. Richard D. Moon 25. Frank Ritter 26. Samuel L. Cochran. 27. Milton B. Umstead. 28. James M. Clark. 29. Alonzo C. Griffin. 30. Charles L. Freeman 31. Charles B. Hunton 32. Napoleon B. Fizer 33. John W. Patton.	1848	34. Julien °C. Brown. 1879 1-35. Nicholas E. Skinner. 1879 1-4 36. Asa S. Blackwood. 1879 1-4 1-3
L	AY DE	LEGATES.
Batesville District. Charles W. Shaver George Thornburgh Henry Hays D. P. Tunstall Helena District.	1-5	R. M. Laird
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MINUTES.

THE White River Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, began its fifteenth annual session at Batesville, Ark., on the third day of December, 1884, at 9 o'clock A.M.
Bishop R. K. Hargrove, in the President's chair, called the Conference to order,

conducted religious exercises, and opened the session.

George Thornburgh was elected Secretary; Charles L. Freeman, Assistant Secretary; and J. B. Suttler, Statistical Secretary.

The Nominating Committee made the following report:

Your presiding elders upon whom devolves the duty of recommending members of the several committees for this Conference, respectfully name the follow-

On Public Worship—H. M. Granade, Josephus Anderson, and H. T. Gregory. On Conference Relations-George M. Hill, M. C. Morris, T. A. Craig, H. T. Greg-

ory, W. M. Watson, T. B. F. James, and Thomas Vincent.

On District Conference Journals—F. R. Noe, J. F. Pike, and D. B. Warren.

On Church Property—A. S. Blackwood, J. M. Hanks, and D. P. Tunstall. On Books and Periodicals—J. F. Jernigan, J. S. Anderson, R. P. Harwood, M.

B. Umstead, and John Moore.

On Memoirs-B. Harris, E. M. Baker, J. F. Troy, Charles Shaver, and R. D. Moon.

On Bible Cause—N. E. Skinner, E. C. Castlebery, S. W. Register, H. T. Blythe, and John S. Watson.

On Temperance-J. M. Talkington, John W. Patton, and Henry Hays.

And we recommend to fill vacancies as follows:

On Missionary Board-E. M. Baker in place of R. D. Woodley, transferred. On Board of Education—J. S. Brooke in place of George A. Shaeffer, deceased. On Centenary Committee D. P. Tunstall in place of J. B. Suttler, resigned. Examining Committee of Second Year—W. R. Foster in place of M. J. F. Beasley, deceased. Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? Alexander M. K. Branson and Charles

W. Rook. 2. Armstead M. Grant, not admitted.

Question 2. Who remain on trial? William Ruttledge, James D. Ruttledge, and John I. Maynord. 3.

Question 3. Who are discontinued? Henry C. Kirby, at his own request;

Joseph B. Dodson and T. H. A. Skinner, by vote of Conference. 3.

Question 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? Willson Arnold, from the St. Louis Conference, on trial in class of the second year. 1.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday morning, December 4, 1884, Conference was opened at 9 o'clock A.M.,

Bishop Hargrove presiding.

Question 1—Who are admitted on trial?—was resumed. William F. Walker, Ellison M. Davis, Thomas Whitaker, Andrew J. Johnson, and Moses R. Harp. 5. Silas B. Baker, not admitted.

Question 2—Who remain on trial?—was resumed. Elisha L. W. Arnold. 1.

Question 3-Who are discontinued?-was resumed. R. S. Ellis, by vote of

Question 7. Who are the deacons of one year? S. W. Register, F. R. Noe, R. D. Woodley; J. S. Brooke, John C. Ritter—both continued in class of third year; Asa S. Blackwood. 6.

Question 16. Who are located this year? Revana R. Raymond, John R.

Question 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? John Moore, John S. Watson, and Riley P. Harwood. 3. John W. Wood, continued a deacon of one year in the class of the fourth year.

Question 8. What traveling preachers are elected to deacon's orders? None. Question 5. Who are readmitted? Isaac T. Morris, Stephen D. Evans. 2.

James G. Miller and Thomas G. Law, not readmitted.

Question 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official adminis-The name of C. B. Hunton was called, and complaint being made against him, his case was referred to a committee consisting of James M. Talkington, Benoni Harris, and George M. Hill.

THIRD DAY.

Friday morning, December 5, 1884, Conference met at 9 o'clock A.M., Bishop Hargrove presiding.

Question 4. Who are admitted into full connection? None. Question 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Flavino J. Shaw,

Crowder B. Mosley, and James D. Ruttledge. 3.

Question 14. What local preachers are elected elders? Ezekiel T. Church,

Thomas G. Welch. 2. Joseph A. Parker, not elected.

Question 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? Mebane .

F. Beasley. 1.

Question 20—resumed. The names of Edmond T. Jones, John Rhyne, J. A. Anderson, and Joseph Johnson were called, their characters passed, and they, asking special relations, were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

The names of John H. Dye, H. M. Granade, G. A. Dannelly, M. M. Smith, J. M. Clark, Josephus Anderson, S. L. Cochran, H. T. Gregory, E. M. Baker, M. B. Umstead, Thomas Vincent, J. C. Carter, R. D. Moon, J. J. Alexander, and J. F.

Troy were called, and their characters passed. 15.

Question 2-Who remain on trial?-resumed. James R. Edwards was not before the committee, his character passed, and he was continued on trial in the class of the first year.

Question 12—What traveling preachers are elected elders?—was resumed. Isaac

A. Vernon. 1.

FOURTH DAY.

Saturday morning, December 6, 1884, Conference met at 9 o'clock A.M. Bishop

Hargrove presiding.

Question 20—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?—was resumed. The names of F. A. Jeffett, W. W. Anderson, J. F. Pike, Z. T. Bennett, J. M. Talkington, T. A. Craig, E. A. Garrison, Frank Ritter, E. C. Castlebery, J. W. Patton, R. G. Brittain, A. C. Griffin, W. R. Foster, C. B. Hunton, F. E. Taylor, W. M. Watson, J. F. Jernigan, J. F. Armstrong, C. L. Freeman, George M. Hill, M. C. Morris, T. B. F. James, B. Harris, N. Futrell, J. C. Brown, C. H. Ford, H. B. McNeill, N. E. Shore, and N. B. Fizer, were several relations called, and their characters passed; and R. G. Brittain, asking special relations, was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations. 29.

The committee on the case of C. B. Hunton made the following report, which

was adopted:

"The committee of investigation appointed in the case of the Rev. C. B. Hunton ask leave to present the following report: After carefully considering all the evidence that we could obtain, and examining Brother Hunton himself with regard to his belief, we received assurance of his full acceptance of all our doctrines, and his promise to refrain in future from preaching questionable truths and doubtful speculations; and therefore we find no cause for further complaint, and recommend that his character pass. Respectfully submitted.

"Josephus Anderson,

"F. RITTER, "M. C. Morris."

Question 2-Who remain on trial?-was resumed. W. A. Pendergrass: character passed, but not having been before the committee, he was continued on trial in the class of the first year.

Question 16-Who are located this year?-was resumed. N. Futrell, at his own

request in elder's orders.

The Committee on Conference Relations made the following report, which was

adopted, to wit:

"Your committee report that the names of E. T. Jones, John Rhyne, Joseph Johnson, James A. Anderson, and R. G. Brittain have been referred to us, and we respectfully recommend that E. T. Jones, John Rhyne, Joseph Johnson, and James A. Anderson be granted supermunically, granted a superannuated relation. Respectfully, "George M. Hill, Chairman." A. Anderson be granted supernumerary relations, and that R. G. Brittain be

N. E. SKINNER, Chairman."

Question 17. Who are supernumerary? Edmond T. Jones, John Rhyne, Joseph Johnson, and James A. Anderson. 4.
Question 18. Who are superannuated? R. G. Brittain. 1.

The report of the Committee on Education anent the "Central Collegiate Institute" was taken from the table, and rejected.

The Committee on Church Property made its report, which was approved.

(See report in Appendix.)
Question 14. What local preachers are elected elders? James G. Miller and Moses R. Harp. 2.

The presiding elders were, by vote of the Conference, allowed to employ J. G. Miller and S. B. Barker, who had been refused admission.

The Committee on Bible Cause made its report:
"Your committee to whom was referred the Bible Cause would submit the fol-

lowing report:

"Respectfully submitted.

"From all the information we have been able to secure, we find that but little has been done in this great Christian cause by us, to whom this work is principally committed. Not having at this writing any information from the Agent of the American Bible Society, Rev. W. H. Vernon, we can only report the amounts collected in the following charges by the pastors themselves, or their agents:

La Grange Circuit	\$ 7 50
Bethesda Circuit	
Saleni Circuit	12 00
Ash Flat Circuit	3 15
Augusta Station	2 00
Searcy Station	17 00
Jamestown Circuit	
Powhattan and Smithville	
Total	\$50.00

"Considering the great importance of the distribution of the word of God, which gives the pure, unadulterated gospel to the people, we would earnestly recommend that the pastors of the various charges in our Conference, at a time when in their judgment they think they would be most successful, present to their congregations this cause, and take collections in its interests.

The Committee on District Conference Journals made their report, which was adopted, to wit:

"Your Committee on District Conference Journals report that the journals for the Batesville District and the Helena District have been placed in our hands.

"The Batesville District Conference journal is not what we would wish it to be. The penmanship is only tolerably good, considerable deficiency in 'dotting the i's and crossing the t's.' There is also some informality in the registering of delegates; for instance, the delegates from Salem Circuit appear as coming from Melbourne Circuit. The name of the pastor of Salem Circuit is not mentioned, yet his name appears on one of the committees, which proves that he had arrived,

but had not been enrolled.

"The journal of the Helena District Conference is a model in penmanship and neatness, and the proceedings of the Conference put to record rigidly in minute form, yet we notice considerable deficiency in orthography, and also some in the grammatical structure of phraseology. One item in particular must be noticed by us. On page 155 we find this: 'The following reports were made and referred to the appropriate committees,' and then follow the names of several brethren without mentioning the official standing of these brethren or the nature of their reports.

"Respectfully submitted.

F. R. Noe, Chairman."

The Statistical Secretary reported the statistics. (See Appendix.)

By vote of Conference, it was ordered that we meet on Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

After the doxology, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by the President.

FIFTH DAY.

Monday morning, December 8, 1884, Conference met at 10 o'clock A.M., Bishop Hargrove presiding.

Question 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

Question 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? F. J. Shaw, J. D. Ruttledge, John W. Watson, and James D. Spence. 4.

Question 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? R. P. Harwood,

Isaac A. Vernon, John Moore, and John S. Watson. 4.

Question 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? Thomas G. Welch,
James G. Miller, and M. R. Harp. 3.

Question 19. What preachers have died during the year? George A. Shaeffer

and M. J. F. Beasley. 2.

The Committee on Memoirs made its report, which was adopted. (See Appendix.)

The Committee on Books and Periodicals made its report (No. 2), which was

adopted. (See Appendix.)

Question 31. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Helena. Rev. E. A. Garrison and J. B. Suttler offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote, viz.:

"Resolved, That we hereby extend to the good people of Batesville and vicinity, who have so generously entertained us, our hearty and grateful thanks, and we pray God's richest blessings to abide amongst them."

J. C. Brown and E. A. Garrison offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to wit:

"Resolved, That this Conference request the Bishop to appoint the Rev. John

H. Dye as editor of the Arkansas Methodist."

Rev. Lewis Kelley, a deacon of one year, and traveling preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church, applied for admission into this Conference as a deacon of one year, and by vote of the Conference he was admitted and assumed the vows of the Church.

The exercises of Missionary Day were entered into. Rev. J. J. Ransom, our Missionary to Brazil, addressed the Conference on the subject of missions in that

country.

The Committee on Temperance made its report, which was adopted. (See Appendix.)

The Centenary Committee made its report, which was approved. (See Ap-

The Board of Education made its report (No. 2), which was adopted. (See Ap-

pendix.)

Question 30. What are the educational statistics? Two District High Schools -one at Wheatley, in the bounds of Helena District, with three teachers and forty pupils; one at Searcy, in the bounds of Searcy District. Value of the property, \$3,500.

The Sunday-school Board made its report, which was adopted. (See Appen-

It was resolved that the different Boards be authorized to fill all vacancies in their number.

George Thornburgh and J. B. Suttler offered the following resolutions, which

were adopted, to wit:

"1. Resolved, That hereafter, until otherwise provided, the reports of preachers in charge of work shall be made on the first day of the Conference to the Statis-

tical Secretary, and by him distributed to the proper committees.

"2. Resolved, That the Statistical Secretary do all the tabular work, and report to the Conference all the statistics; and that the Sunday-school Board, the Missionary Board, the Board of Church Extension, the Joint Board of Finance, and the Committee on Church Property be not required to make any tabular statements on the subjects committed to them.

J. J. Alexander asking special relations, his case was referred to the Committee

on Conference Relations.

Question 16. Who are located? John W. Patton, at his own request.

The Joint Board of Finance made its report, which was adopted. (See Appendix.)

The time of the Conference was extended indefinitely.

John H. Dye and J. C. Brown offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to wit:

"Whereas the sad intelligence has reached us of the protracted illness of our

beloved Bishop A. W. Wilson,

"Resolved, That we hereby tender our deep sympathy to our beloved Bishop in his great suffering, and will earnestly pray for his speedy recovery."

The Committee on Conference Relations reported on granting J. J. Alexander a

supernumerary relation.

Question 17. Who are supernumerary? J. J. Alexander.

The Joint Board of Finance announced the following assessments for the ensuing year:

	Bishops.	Conference Claimants.
Searcy District	\$100	\$320.
Batesville District	100	320.
Jonesboro District		320.
Helena District	100	320.
Newport District	100	320.

The Board of Church Extension made its report. (See Appendix.)

The Joint Board of Finance made its report (No. 2), which was adopted. (See

Appendix.)
The Joint Board of Finance made its statistical report, which was approved.

(See Appendix.)

The Board of Church Extension offered the following resolutions, which were

adopted, to wit:

"1. Resolved, That Article II. of the Constitution of the Board of Church Ex-

tension of White River Conference be amended so as to read as follows:
"'ARTICLE II. Officers and Members.—This Board shall consist of seven members, to be elected by the Conference at each session next after each General Conference. The members shall elect from their number a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall hold their offices for the term of the members regularly elected. In the absence of an officer at a meeting an officer pro tem. may be elected.'

"2. Resolved, That Article V. of said Constitution be so amended as to read as

"'ARTICLE V. Meetings and Quorum.—The Board shall hold a regular meeting at each session of this Conference at which provisions shall be made for anniversary exercises. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee. Four members of the Board shall be a quorum at any meeting."

The Centenary Committee was by vote of the Conference continued for another

The Board of Missions announced the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

	Presiding Elder.	Preacher in Charge.
Searcy District—Cleburne Mission	\$50	\$100
Searcy District—Argenta Mission	$\dots 50$	250
Searcy District-Bayou Metoe Mission		100
Newport District—Calamine Mission	$\dots 50$	100
Batesville District—Iuka Mission	$\dots 50$	100
Jonesboro District—Tyronza Mission	\dots 50	100
Jonesboro District—Lake City Mission	50	100
Jonesboro District—La Anguile Mission	$\dots 50$	100
Jonesboro District—Lake City Mission	50	100

The same Board announced the following assessments for the ensuing year:

	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.
Searcy District	\$550	\$300
Batesville District	500	250
Jonesboro District	450	200
Helena District	$\dots 550$	300
Newport District	$\dots 450$	200

The President announced the following to compose the Joint Board of Finance for the ensuing year: J. M. Talkington, W. A. Yarnell, C. H. Ford, J. M. Hanks, J. F. Jernigan, L. L. Mack, Frank Ritter, J. W. Stayton, H. T. Gregory, W. E.

The Board of Church Extension announced the following assessments for the ensuing year:

Searcy District	3140
Batesville District	135
Newport District	105
Helena District	140
Jonesboro District	

At the request of the Conference the President appointed John H. Dye editor of the Arkansas Methodist.

At the request of the Conference the President appointed Z. T. Bennett Principal of Searcy District High School.

Question 32. Where are the preachers stationed this year:

SEARCY DISTRICT.—F. A. JEFFETT, P. E.

Rhyne, Sup. Searcy Circuit, G. A. Dannelly.

El Paso Circuit, J. F. Pike; J. A. Anderson, Sup.

Gum Spring Circuit, Z. T. Bennett. Judsonia Circuit, to be supplied. Beebe Circuit, J. M. Talkington.

Searcy Station, E. A. Garrison; John | Union & Revels Circuit, M. B. Umstead. Augusta Station, A. S. Blackwood; E. T. Jones, Sup.

Mineral Circuit, E. C. Castlebery.

Argenta Mission, J. H. Dye. Bayou Metoe Mission, W. W. Anderson. Cleburne Mission, E. L. W. Arnold. Editor Arkansas Methodist, J. H. Dye.

HELENA DISTRICT .- J. M. CLARK, P. E.

Helena Station, J. C. Brown. La Grange Circuit, C. B. Hunton. Marianna Station, A. M. R. Branson. Forrest City Station, N. B. Fizer. Forrest City Circuit, John Moore. Wheatley Circuit, George M. Hill.

Spring Creek Circuit, C. L. Freeman.
Clarendon and Brinkley Station, C. H.
Ford; Joseph Johnson, Sup.
De View Circuit, N. E. Skinner.
Cypress Ridge Circuit, Thos. Whitaker.
Marvel Circuit, W. A. Pendergrass.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.-H. M. GRANADE, P. E.

Batesville Station, Josephus Anderson.
Sulphur Rock Circuit, E. M. Baker.
Evening Shade Circuit, J. S. Brooke; J.
J. Alexander, Sup.
Ash Flat Circuit, Thomas Vincent.
Mammoth Springs Circuit, J. F. Troy.
Salem Circuit, I. A. Vernon.
Iuka Mission, Lewis Kelley.

Viola Circuit, to be supplied (by Thomas Franks).

Newburg Circuit, F. R. Noe.
Melbourne Circuit, J. C. Carter.
Bethesda Circuit, H. T. Gregory.
Jamestown Circuit, S. W. Register.
Mountain View Circuit, B. Harris.

NEWPORT DISTRICT.-M. M. SMITH, P. E.

Newport Station, Frank Ritter.
Pleasant Valley Circuit, M. C. Morris.
Jacksonport Circuit, T. A. Craig.
Oil Trough Circuit, to be supplied (by
N. E. Brady).
Walnut Ridge Circuit, S. D. Evans.
Pleasant Hill Circuit, J. I. Maynord.

Corning Circuit, T. B. F. James.
Pocahontas Circuit, R. P. Harwood.
Siloam Circuit, J. F. Armstrong.
Walnut Hill Circuit, E. M. Davis.
Powhattan and Smithville, I. T. Morris.
Imboden Circuit, C. W. Rook.
Calamine Mission, R. D. Moon.

JONESBORO DISTRICT.—S. L. COCHRAN, P. E.

Jonesboro Circuit, F. E. Taylor.

Greensboro Circuit, W. R. Foster.
Gainesville Circuit, W. M. Watson.
Boydsville Circuit, John S. Watson.
Taylor's Creek Circuit, J. C. Ritter.
Wittsburg Circuit, J. F. Jernigan.
La Anguile Mission, to be supplied (by A. Grant).

Harrisburg Circuit, A. C. Griffin. Buffalo Island Circuit, J. D. Ruttledge. Lake City Mission, J. W. Wood. Chickasawba Circuit, J. R. Edwards. Osceola Circuit, M. R. Harp. Marion Circuit, W. F. Walker. Tyronza Mission, A. J. Johnson.

The minutes of to-day's session were read and approved.

The Bishop announced the following transfers:

W. E. Ruttledge to the Arkansas Conference, and appointed assistant preacher on the Altus Circuit.

R. D. Woodley to the Montana Conference, and appointed to Stevensville Station.

H. B. McNeill to the St. Louis Conference, and appointed to Irondale Circuit. After singing the doxology, the Conference adjourned sine die, with the benediction by the President.

R. K. HARGROVE, PRESIDENT.

GEORGE THORNBURGH, Secretary.
C. L. FREEMAN,
J. B. SUTTLER,
Assistant Secretaries.

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

TEMPERANCE.

Whereas our Church from its origin has been pronounced in its opposition to intemperance, drunkenness; and drinking spirituous liquors, unless in "cases of necessity," being forbidden in its fundamental law, which even the General Conference cannot revoke, and which also condemns the "manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage;" and whereas these evils are still wide-spread; therefore,

Resolved, That the preachers of the White River Conference be requested to emphasize these subjects in the pulpit, and enforce mildly but firmly the law re-

lating thereto.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. TALKINGTON, Chairman.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

REPORT No. 2.

The Board has been informed that the Searcy District High School may at this time be revived, and by skillful management be made to enter upon a course of increased usefulness. The school is well located, the house in tolerable repair, and the patronage of the same will be good. We request that Brother Z. T. Bennett be appointed as principal of the school for the ensuing Conference-year. Value of property, \$3,500.

We find a district high school in the Helena District, located at Wheatley, which is reported as being in good working condition and successfully managed. This school deserves well of the Church, and we cheerfully recommend it to the patronage of our people.

J. C. Brown, President.

MEMOIRS.

- G. A. Shaeffer, whose brief memoir we here present, was a man of much meekness and humility, and indeed all the traits of the Christian character were prominent in his life and ministry. As a preacher he was above mediocrity. He was an elegant and refined Christian gentleman in all the varied relations of life; and although removed from us by the Great Head of the Church, we shall still continue fondly to cherish in our hearts his precious memory. In his social intercourse with his brethren he was always pleasant and agreeable, and we shall greatly miss him at our annual gatherings. He died in peace, strong in faith, and has gone to his reward in heaven. The burden of an itinerant life for more than thirty years has been exchanged for the quiet of the grave and the songs and shouts of the Church above. May we his brethren, when done with the fellowship of time, join him on the other shore, and help to swell the songs of redemption throughout the sweep of endless years!
- M. J. F. Beasley was a man after God's own heart, thoroughly consecrated to the work of the ministry. He exemplified in a life of holy living the vital principles of the gospel, and gave evidence to all around that he had been with Christ and learned of him. The divine afflatus was upon him. His religion was no dry intellectual abstraction, but a glorious experience, a blessed assurance within of his acceptance with God. In the death of Brother Beasley the Church has lost an indefatigable worker, humanity a friend, and this Conference one of its purest and most consecrated men. May we emulate his many Christian virtues, and may his mantle fall upon every surviving member of the Conference!

Benoni Harris, Chairman.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

Your Sunday-school Board would submit that they have not deemed it advisable during the past Conference-year to hold district Sunday-school conventions, though as far as we have been informed each District Conference has paid some attention to the subject. We do not consider it expedient to hold either separate district Sunday-school conventions or a convention of the whole Conference, as the multiplying of conventions is a burden upon the hospitality of our people, and upon the time and pockets of the delegates. But, we do earnestly urge upon our presiding elders that they devote one whole day of the District Conferences to the discussion of the then condition of the Sunday-school work in their respective bounds, together with plans for better forwarding and enlarging the same. We also earnestly hope that our next Annual Conference will see its way clear to give one night to this great interest.

Our preachers fail to realize the importance of the work; they do not appreciate the fact, and it is a fact, that in no other way can they so rapidly and surely lay, the foundation of a future prosperity which would soon astonish us who live in this day of small efforts and smaller results. While we are pleased to note a small increase in every department of the work the past year, we are yet pained to note that not more than one-third to one-fourth of our schools are perennial. The remainder are fragile blossoms which are annually dried up by August droughts or October frosts, and their results are so small that we most urgently recommend to our preachers as a step in the right direction that they for the new year try to keep

these weaklings alive for at least six months.

Our literature is generally used, and is good, except the Visitor, which sadly needs improvement.

	SEA	RCY	Distr	RICT.					
Charges.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Visitors taken.	Magazines taken.	Lesson Papers.	Little People.	Money Expended.
Searcy Station	. 7 6 5 2	26 20 29	150 200 250 176 250	60 300 90 167	12 80		150 30 200 30 43	21 75 40 20	\$ 25 00 20 00 30 00 35 00 10 00 110 16
Oil Trough Circuit Pleasant Valley Circuit Augusta Station Mineral Circuit Argenta Mission Bayou Metoe Circuit Newport Station Jacksonport Station Cleburne Mission	3 1 5 1 5 1 1	8 18 15 25 7 33 17 4	50 96 91 335 50 272 130 25	75 35 550	18 10 40	5	184	48 107 16 80 30 30	20 00 57 00 30 00 20 00 14 75 39 00 18 00
Total	. 45	285	2125	1277	244	75			\$428 91
F	BATES	SVILL	e Dis	TRICT					
Batesville Station: Sulphur Rock Circuit Jamestown Circuit. Evening Shade Circuit. Melbourne Circuit. Newburg Circuit. Salem Circuit. Mammoth Springs Circuit. Viola Circuit. Bethesda Circuit. Ash Flat Circuit. Calamine Mission. Mountain View Circuit.	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	13 25 15 33 16 21 25 20 15 20 48 37 7	100 175 180 260 124 243 145 125 70 180 364 300 50 85	250 60 200 35 35		9 1 2 10 8 	80 90 62 237 106 52 36 48 	35 50	\$71 00 30 00 8 00 35 50 48 00 6 25 9 16 20 05 7 00 10 00 51 00
Smithvillle Circuit		9 318	50 2451	50	115	36	30	562	\$327 01

Jonesboro District.

Charges.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Visitors taken.	Magazines taken.	Lesson Papers.	Little People.	Money Expended.	
Taylor's Creek Circuit	3	20	150	40			60		\$10	
Wittsburg Circuit	3	15	150	40		5		15	18	
Harrisburg Circuit	3	20	125	60		3	40	60	49	00
Jonesboro Circuit	4 5	38	428	25		24	24		5	25
Shiloh Circuit		28	175			4	15	30	6	50
Old Town Circuit	4	16	180						1 177	35 60
Wittsburg Station	1	4	15			4	20		17	00
Greensboro Circuit	6	30	420			10		114	25	50
Pleasant Hill Circuit	1	6	40			2	8	12		00
Gainesville Circuit	5	25	200				100	140		00
Boydsville and Mt. Zion	9	45	250				102	148	22	UU
Corning Circuit	$\frac{2}{2}$	6	55					770		
Walnut Ridge and Corning Station. Pocahontas Circuit	2	12	60			8 2	50		8	30
Pocahontas Circuit	3	21	125			2	36	60 50	10	
Siloam Circuit Walnut Ridge Circuit	5 4	25 18	300 128	120	20 24	2	65			00
Total	60	329	2801	340	69	64	420	633	\$ 239	65

HELENA DISTRICT.

Helena Station	1	15	901	4()	50	30	50		\$150		
La Grange Circuit	5	35	145	500		1	72		38	55	
Marianna Station	1	11	50		24	8	40			• • • •	
Wheatley Circuit		30	225	200		12	50			00	
Holly Grove Circuit	2	8	106		30	3	39			10	
Clarendon and Brinkley Station	2	13				1	96			00	
De View Circuit		14				2	80	65		00	
Goodwin Circuit	6	18	120			••••	6	6	3	25	
Forrest City Circuit (no report)								0.5		00	
Forrest City Station	1	10	60				75				
Cypress Ridge Circuit	7	35	250	50				125	30	00	,
					105		F00	400	\$443	00	
Total	35	189	1301	790	125	63	508	460	3443	90	,

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT.

Osceola Circuit	1	10	30	1	30	15		15	
Chielrogowho Circuit	3	19	169	30					3 00
Hickman Bend Circuit			1.4					20	11 60
Frenchman's Bayou Circuit	4	20	107	50			92	20	
Tyronza Mission	4	12	60	5			36	36	8 00
Walnut Bend Circuit									
Big Lake Mission	1	6	22						
	7.1	07	388	95	. 30	15	128	71	\$28.60
Total	13	67	900	60		10	120	j. 1 L	₩20 00

RECAPITULATION.

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Searcy District	45	285	2125	1277	244	75	962	571	\$428	91
Batesville District	50	318	2451	1180	115	36	1080	562	327	01
		329				64	420	633	239	65
Jonesboro District							508	460	443	
Helena District		189		790				400		
Mississippi District	13	67	388	85	30	15	128	7.1	28	60
Grand total	203	1188	9066	3672	583	253	3098	2297	\$1,468	07

J. B. SUTTLER, Secretary.

N. B. FIZER, President.

MEMBERSHIP, BAPTISMS, AND CHURCH PROPERTY.

SEARCY DISTRICT.

Charges.	Locai Preachers.	Number of Members.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Number Churches.	Number Sittings.	Value of Churches.	Number of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Other Church Property.	Money Expended for Repairing, etc.	
Searcy Station	1	226	27	2	1	300	\$6,000	1	\$1,500	\$ 75	· \$80	00
Searcy Circuit	1	468	76	24	6	1600	2,300				80	
El Paso Circuit	5	630	18	9	7	1300	2,300		250	25	250	
West Point Circuit	3	384	52	2	41/2	1500	2,000			500		
Judsonia Circuit	3	274	15		2	300	400			75		••••
Beebe Circuit		215	16	12	3	1000	2,000				200	00
Oil Trough Circuit		118	10		2	500	300			30		
Pleasant Valley Circuit		142			3	1200	1,800					
Augusta Station		130		5	1	200	2,000	1	1,600	150	100	()()
Mineral Circuit		484	98	5	5	1410	3,200				72	00
Argenta Mission		70	5	4						180		
Bayou Metoe Circuit	2	288	32	3	6	825	1,200					••••
Newport Station	1	67	1		1	350	2,000			300	305	00
Jacksonport Station	1	29			1	150	400	1	150			
Jacksonport Circuit												
Cleburne Mission	1	62	4		1	200	300	• • • • • •			• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • •
Total	21	3587	354	68	431/2	10,835	\$26,200	4	\$3,500	\$1,335	\$1,087	00

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Bitesville Station	1	157		2	1	500	\$5,500			\$300	\$150	00
Sulphur Rock Circuit	2	418	42	6	5	1250			\$550	125	175	00
Jamestown Circuit	1	372	45	7	4	850	2,100				150	00
Evening Shade Circuit	4	324	39	5	3	700	1,300			100		
Melbourne Circuit	2	417	36	16	5	800	3,500	1	250		5	50
Newburg Circuit	10	400	16	7	4	850	875			75	5	00
Salem Circuit	5	437	22	26	2	400	500	1	300	75	450	00
Mammoth Springs Ct		96	10	5	2	500	520			120	400	00
Viola Circuit	4	224	31	7	1	200	200				12	25
Bethesda Circuit	5	395	15	9	6	1500	2,250	1	90		51	00
Ash Flat Circuit	5	377	36	5								
Calamine Mission		184	81	38	11/2	200	200	1	175		45	00
Mountain View Circuit					5 1	1000	1,200	1	200		50	00
Powhattan & Smithville	2	104	23	9	1	300	1,000			300	700	00
Smithville Circuit	3	406	31	5	6	1000	1,650	1	350	100	235	25
Walnut Hill Circuit	6	198	24	9	2	350	350	1	200	10	40	00
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Total	50	4509	451	156	$48\frac{1}{2}$	10,400	\$24,645	8	\$2,115	\$1,205	\$2,469	00

Jonesboro District.

Taylor's Creek Circuit	1	470	90	28	3	300	\$ 500]	\$ 20	00
Wittsburg Station	1	12										
Wittsburg Circuit	5	240	26	. 8	2	600	1,000			\$ 12	52	50
Harrisburg Circuit	4	400	31	6	4	1200	1,600	1	\$550	25	750	00
Jonesboro Circuit	5	235	9	5	2	600	1,300				1,300	00
Shiloh Circuit	4	320	28	6	3	450	1,000	1	500		825	00
Old Town Circuit	3	136			1	86	300					
Greenshoro Circuit	3	571	38	14	7	3000	3,500	1	400	10	20	00
Pleasant Hill Circuit	4	375		2	3	710				100		
Gainesville Circuit	6	444			7	1750				125	30	00
Boydsville and Mt. Zion	7	306	14	10	i	300	500		150	50		
Corning Circuit	- il	78	16		1	150	150					
Walnut Ridge & Corning.	-	33	10	4	-	200			115		90	00
Pocahontas Circuit	6	441	42	11	2	800	2,000		350			50
Siloam Circuit	6	318		1	A	1000	1,000		000	110	1.000	
	3	365	61	1	1	250	350		150	25		00
Walnut Ridge Circuit	3	300	01	1	1	200	300		100	20		
(Patal	59	4744	453	160	41	11.196	\$17,400	-6	\$2,100	\$487	\$4,185	00
Total	99	4/44	400	100	41	11,130	\$11,400	0	\$2,100	(b#01)	Ψ,100	00

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HELENA DISTRICT.

Charges.	Local Preachers.	Number of Members.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Number Churches.	Number Sittings.	Value of Churches.	Number of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Other Church Property.	Money Expended for Repairing, etc.	
Helena Station	1	160 192	6		1	700	\$20,000		\$500	\$1,500	\$8,000	
La Grange Circuit Marianna Station	1	44	8	1 3	31/2	800 300	3,150 1,000	1	\$500	150	101	Zə
Wheatley Circuit	2	140	12		4	700	2,500				150	00
Holly Grove Circuit	2	86	4	9	1	300	1,500			100		• • • •
Clarendon and Brinkley	3	74		1	1	150	1,000			35		
De View Circuit	1 3	232 175	12	10	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$	500 40 0	1,050 1,000	1	400	50 100	137	UU
Goodwin Circuit Forrest City Station	-	111	4	1	1	300	1,000	1	800	200	123	00
T3 1 0'11 0'1		224	4	••••	1	300	1,000	1	000	200	120	00
Cypress Ridge Circuit	3	170	24	6	4	800	1,000				125	00
Total	16	1608	82	40	201/2	4,950	\$33,200	3	\$1,700	\$2,135	\$8,636	25

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT.

Osceola Circuit	32	$1_{1} - 2$	1	100	\$ 200	1	\$600		\$ 10 00
Chickasawba Circuit 3	174	5: 9	3	650	1,300	1	250		
Hickman Bend Circuit	11							\$220	
Frenchman's Bayou Cir	51	1	1	250	450	1	250	50	20 00
Marion Circuit	66	4 2	31/2	900	1,800	2	500		500 00
Tyronza Mission	40	3 1							
Hopefield Mission 1	14								
Walnut Bend Circuit	40		4	800	1,000				
Big Lake Mission 3	58	2	1	300					
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Total 7	486 1	6 14	131/2	2,950	\$4,925	5	\$1,600	\$270	\$ 530 00

RECAPITULATION.

Searcy District	21	3587	354	68	431/6	10,835	\$26,200	4	\$3,500	\$1,335	\$1,087	00
Batesville District,	50	4509	451	156	481/5	10,400	24,645	8	2,115	1,205	2,469	00
Jonesboro District	59	4744	453			11,196			2,100	487	4,185	00
Helena District	16			40		4,950			1,700			
Mississippi District	7	486	16	14	$13\frac{1}{2}$	2,950	4,925	5	1,600	270	530	00
Total	153	14,934	1356	438	167	40,325	\$106,370	26	\$11,015	\$5,432	\$16,907	25

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Your Board at its regular meeeting made the following appropriations: To Argenta, \$100; Mammoth Springs, \$13.09; Melbourne, \$13.09; Jonesboro, \$100; La Crosse, \$13.09; total, \$239.27.

There has been collected this year \$226.20, one-half of which belongs to the Parent Board, leaving net to us	\$113 10
Gives total in our treasury	\$287 63 239 27
Leaves in our treasury	\$48 36

There is a discrepancy of \$27.50 between the reports and the payments to your Board. The reports show collected \$253.70; the Board received only \$226.20. The Board approved the applications of Helena and Mammoth Springs for loans from the Parent Board. Respectfully, John H. Dye, President.

GEORGE THORNBURGH, Secretary.

MISSIONS, CHURCH EXTENSION, AND CENTENARY.

	SEA	RCY DI	STRICT.					
•	lons.	sions.	asion.		CENTENA	RY OFF	ERIN	gs.
Charges.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions	Church Extension (Regular.)	Education.	Missions.	Church Ex-	Sunday.	Local.
Searcy Station								\$ 80 00
Searcy CircuitEl Paso Circuit	10 10 13 00				\$ 5.00			80 00 2 50
West Point Circuit	14 00	8 00	15 00					600 00
Judsonia Circuit Beebe Circuit	1 00 25 00				0 (0)			200 00
Oil Trough Circuit	25 00	20 00	10 00		0 00	1	1	1
Pleasant Valley Circuit	35 00			\$6 00	10 00	\$15 00		443 00
Augusta Station								
Argenta Mission	35 00	15 00	10 00					
Bayou Metoe Circuit	23 90							
Newport Station	2 00 12 40	4 00 10 00						
Jacksonport Station								
Cleburne Circuit		•••••						
Total	\$283 40	\$ 138 15	\$95 00	\$6 00	\$23 00	\$15 00	\$25	\$2505 00
	BATES	VILLE	Distric	T.				
Batesville Station	\$75 00	\$27 55						\$514 00
Sulphur Rock Circuit Jamestown Circuit	35 00 6 35	10 00 2 00						175 00
Evening Shade Circuit	11 00	8 00			\$4 50		5	150 00 735 00
Melbourne Circuit	16 00	12 00	8 00					400 00
Newburg Circuit Salem Circuit	4 00 30 00	8 50 10 00						5 00 4 50
Mammoth Springs Mission	2 65	2 30						700 00
Viola Circuit	2 40							12 00
Bethesda Circuit	6 25 8 10	10 00 7 75					6	90 00
Calamine Mission	2 50	5 00						45 00
Mountain View Circuit Powhattan & Smithville Station	4 80 40 00	12 00	10.00				21	900 00
Smithville Circuit	2 00	4 00						450 00
Walnut Hill Circuit	5 00	10 00			\$1 90		•••••	50 00
Total	\$251 05	\$ 131 75	\$62 55	\$4 00	\$6 40	\$4 00	\$ 39	\$4676 00
			ISTRICT					
Taylor's Creek Circuit Wittsburg Station	\$ 5 00 5 00	\$11 00 3 00	\$5 00 4 00	•••••		\$ 5.50		\$ 20 00 53 00
Wittsburg Circuit	20 00	10 00						
Harrisburg Circuit	6 00	15 00	8 00	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			•••••	750 00 13 00
Shiloh Circuit	12 00				\$20 00			825 00
Old Town Circuit			0 00	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •				1500.00
Greensboro Circuit Pleasant Hill Circuit	6 55 11 00	5 00	8 00					1500 00
Gainesville Circuit	10 00	10 00						100 00
Boydsville and Mt. Zion Circuit. Corning Circuit	13 50	8 00						• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Walnut Ridge and Corning Sta	10 00	5 00	8 00					90 00
Pocahontas Circuit	15 00	10 00					• • • • • •	30 00
Siloam Circuit Walnut Ridge Circuit	2 50 16 00	2 00 5 00	3 00					1000 00 40 00
Total	\$ 132 55	\$89 60	\$42 00		\$20 00	\$ 5 50		\$ 5608 00
	HELI	ENA DI	STRICT.					
Helena Station		\$1 5 50						\$8000 00
La Grange Circuit	\$22 00	26 00		\$10 00		\$9 00		101 00
Marianna Station	9 00 17 50	10 00 7 50	15 00 6 00					150 00
Holly Grove Circuit	12 00	11 25	2 50					600 00
Clarendon and Brinkley Station. De View Circuit	10 00 30 00	14 90 15 00	14 15	5· 00 25 70	\$10 00 45 50	18 00 25 80	\$41 11	5 00 137 00
Goodwin Circuit	3 25	15 00			40 00	6 00		101 00
Forrest City Circuit	12,50	10 50						150 00
Cypress Ridge Circuit	10 00 5 00	10 00 7 00						132 00 125 00
Total	\$ 131 25	\$142 65	\$ 52 65	\$40 70	\$ 55 50	\$58 80	\$ 52	\$94 00 00

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT.

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CHARGES.	Poreign Missions	Domestic Missions.	Church Extension (Regular.)	Education.	Missions,	Church Rx- tension.	Sunday.	Local.
Osceola Circuit	\$ 6 00	\$ 3 50 5 00	\$ 50 1 00					\$ 10 00 14 00
Frenchman's Bayou Circuit Marion Circuit Tyronza Mission	10 00 25 50 5 85	10 00			***********			20 00 1500 00
Hopefield Mission								
Total	\$47 35							\$ 1530 00

RECAPITULATION.

Searcy District	\$283	40	\$138	15	\$95	00	\$ 6 00	\$23	00	\$15	00	\$25	\$2505
Batesville District	251	05	131	75	62	55	4 00	6	40	4	00	39	4676
Jonesboro District	132	55	89	60	42	00		20	00	5	50		5608
Helena District	131	25	142	65	52	65	40 70	55	50	58	80	52	9400
Mississippi District	47	35	23	70	1	50			• • • •		••••		1530
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	\$845	60	\$525	85	\$253	70	\$50 70	\$104	90	\$83	30	\$116	\$23,719
Special contributions			42	00									
Anniversary		50		50									
C 1 4-4-1	2000	10	6000	25									
Grand total	\$880	10	\$602	35			ļ.				-		

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

SEARCY DISTRICT.

Charges.	Assessed for Pre-		Paid for Presid- ing Elder.		Assessed for Preacher in Charge.	Paid for Preacher in Charge.		Assessed for Bish.	ops runa.	Paid for Bishops'		Assessed for Conference	Claimants.	Paid for Confer- ence Claimants.	Paid for Other Ob-
Searcy Station	\$100	00	\$100	00	\$800	\$800	00	\$15	00	\$15	00	\$35	00	\$35 00	\$193 38
Searcy Circuit	100			00	555	350	00			5	00		09		
El Paso Circuit		00		00	528	293	00	10	00	10	00	25	00	10 00	
West Point Circuit	80	00	46	20	450	270	00	10	00	5	40	22	00	10 00	10 00
Judsonia Circuit	80	00	9	35	480	56	00	5	00	5	00	20	00	5 00	
Beebe Circuit	100	00	70	00	500	350	00	12	00	12	00	20	00	15 00	
Oil Trough Circuit	50	00	20	35	350	144	05	5	00		00	15	00		1
Pleasant Valley Circ.	60	00	57	40	510	416	39	10	00	10	00	20	00	20 00	
Augusta Station Mineral Circuit	100	00	100	00	850	850	00	10	00	11	00	16	00		24 00
	60	00	52	45	310	221	70			9	00	21	00		
Argenta Mission					100	160					00				30 00
Bayou Metoe Circuit	60			73	300	298	67				00		00		
Newport Station	100				800	485	40				00		00	4 00	
Jacksonport Station	50		45	00	200	200	50				00	10	00		6 00
Jacksonport Circuit		00			200	125	00		00		00	18	00		
Cleburne Circuit	50	00	40	00	300	200	00	5	00	5	00		••••		
Total	\$1,120	00	\$733	48	\$7,231	\$5,058	71	\$131	00	\$128	40	\$280	00	\$125 80	\$365 95

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Batesville Station	\$100 00	\$83 251	\$1,000]	\$825 65	\$10 00	\$10 001	\$35 00	\$40 00	\$210 00
Sulphur Rock Circuit	50 00	40 60	425	365 00	8 00	8 00	16 00	16 00	37 00
Jamestown Circuit	50 00	28 53	400	247 27	8 00	8 50	16 00	12 00	86 00
Evening Shade Circ't.	50 00	31 00	400	306 90	8 00	4 00	16 00	10 50	20 00
Melbourne Circuit	50 00	37 54	420	278 36	8 00	8 00	16 00	16 00	38 00
Newburg Circuit	35 00	13 46	245	136 34	7 00	7 00	13 00	8 00	50 00
Salem Circuit	40 00	25 00	360	235 32	6 00	6 00	13 00	13 00	•••••

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Charges.	Assessed for Pre- siding Elder.	Paid for Presid- ing Elder.		Assessed for Preacher in Charge.	Paid for Preacher in Charge.		Assessed for Bish ops' Fund,		Paid for Bishops	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	for Conference	Claimants.	Paid for Confer-	ence Olanman	Paid for Other Ob-	
Mammoth Springs Mission.	\$25 00	\$ 7	50	\$250	\$ 91	20	\$5	00	\$3	00	11	00			\$6	00
Viola Circuit	25 00		25	200	187				2	75		00				
Bethesda Circuit	50 00	26	50	450	186	00				00		00	\$7		1	00
Ash Flat Circuit	40 00	26	55	330	290	355				00	14			00	57	20
Calamine Mission	25 00	25	00	200	220	00	5 (00	11			25		50
Mountain View Circuit	40 00	17	50	250		95		00		10	16		16	00	27	38
Powhattan & Smithville Sta.	50 00	50	00	450	450	00	9 (00		00	16		16	00	25	00
Smithville Circuit	45 00	25	10	250	177	02	8 (00	8	00	16	00	4	20	50	00
Walnut Hill Circuit	30 00	. 30	00	200	185	00	6	00	6	00	13	00	13	00	50	00
Total	\$705 00	\$468	88	\$5,830	\$4,238	97	\$114 (00	\$106	45	\$241	00	\$183	95	\$537	58
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Taylor's Creek Circuit	\$75 00	\$34	901	\$400	\$260	00	\$5	00	\$5	00	\$15	00	\$15	00		
Wittsburg Station	75 00	40	65	350	192	46	6	00	6	00	16	00	12	00		
Wittsburg Circuit	80 00	50	27	500	257	83	8 (00.	8	00	11	00	8	00		
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Helena Station	\$225 00	\$100 001	\$1,000	\$1,000 00	01 \$25 00	\$25 00	\$58 001	\$30,00	Ī
La Grange Circuit		55 60	600	342 74	10 30	10 30	23 00		
Marianna Station	90 00	66 45	600	432 00	10 30	10 30	14 00	14 00	
Wheatley Circuit		52 50	425	277 50	8 55	8 55		11 20	
Holly Grove Circuit	90 00	28 13	600	157 84	10 30	10 30	23 00	23 00	2 50
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De View Circuit			540	421 50				10 00	
Goodwin Circuit		36 00	500	266 00				10 00	6 00
Forrest City Circuit		55 55	950	444 48					
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Cypress Ridge Circuit	45 00	20 40	300	119 90	5 15	5 15			13 00
Total	\$1,095 00	\$544 53	\$6,915	\$3,846 95	\$120 00	\$120 00	\$141 60	\$169 05	\$71 50

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT.

Osceola Circuit	\$66 75	\$12 00	\$200	\$ 33 50	\$7 00	\$7 00	\$10 00	\$ 1 00	
Chickasawba Circuit						7 00	23 00	6 00	\$50 00
Hickman Bend Circuit					7 00				
Frenchman's Bayou Circuit								12 50	
Marion Circuit	100 00	60 50	400	242 24	7 00	7 00	24 00	10 95	
Tyronga Mission			95	65 75	6 00	5 30			
Hopefield Mission			100	215 00	6 00		10 00		
Walnut Bend Circuit					7 00	7 00			
Big Lake Mission			75	33 00	6 00				
Total	\$216 75	\$122 50	\$1.120	\$709 49	\$53 00	\$46 30	\$107 00	\$30 45	\$50 00

RECAPITULATION.

Searcy District	\$1,120	00	\$733	48	\$7,233	\$5,058	71	\$131	00	\$128	40	\$280	00	\$125	80	\$365	95
Batesville District	705	00	488	88	5,830	4,238	97	114	00	106	45	241	00	183	95	537	55
Jonesboro District	1,250	00	701	97	6,490	3,900	79	53	55	80	55	104	00	124	90	53	25
Helena District	1.095	00	544	53	6,915	3,846	95	120	00	120	00	141	60	169	05	71	50
Mississippi District		75	122	50	1,120	709	49	53	00	46	30	107	00	30	45	50	00
Grand total	\$4,386	75	\$2,591	36	\$27,588	\$17,755	91	\$471	55	\$481	70	\$793	60	\$634	15	\$1,078	25

REPORT No. 2.

We have apportioned the Conference Fund to the following claimants, and paid the sums over to the brethren whose names are set opposite:

Claimant.	Amount.	Paid to
Sister B. F. Hall and five children	\$150 00	M. B. Umstead.
Sister Beulah Carlisle	60 00	Bro. Jeffett.
Bro. John Rhyne	27 00	G. A. Dannelly.
Bro. McAllister's child	$\dots 27 00$,
Sister Tearson and five children	140 00	Bro. Jeffett.
Sister John Hall	45 00	Henry Hays.
Sister B. Lee and one child		J. Anderson.
Miss Jessie Noe	$\dots 27 00$	•
Sister G. A. Shaeffer and children		Bro. Jeffett.
Cost of sending money to Rhyne and M	rs. Lee 45	
Total	\$684 95	
F. A. Jeffett, Secretary.		C. H. FORD, Chairman.

SECRETARY'S NOTE.

ALL the advertisements in this book have been selected and solicited by the Secretary, and from a personal knowledge of them he indorses them as worthy of patronage and of confidence. They embrace the best business houses in Memphis, Pine Bluff, and Little Rock. We commend them all to the readers of the Minutes. Our churches will want organs—call on Hollenberg & Smith. You will want boots—all on C. C. Godden & Co., and Wilson & Webb. For groceries, go to Lawhorn & Newsom, Schoolfield, Hanauer & Co., Hill & Fontaine, and to Brooks, Neely & Co., and Porter & Macrae, of Memphis; E. D. Smith & Co., and D. E. Jones & Co., of Little Rock. Dry goods: B. Lowenstein, and Menken Bros., of Memphis; Pollock & Bro., of Little Rock. Jewelry, etc.: E. L. Byrd, of Memphis, and Albert Cohen, of Little Rock. Drugs: Williamson & Co., of Memphis; William L. DeWoody, and J. H. Scull & Co., of Pine Bluff; and J. E. Gibson, of Little Rock; Hardware: Fones & Bros., Little Rock; Orgill & Bros., Memphis. Read up all the colleges—Huntsville, Millersburg, Jackson, Logan Female College, and Quitman, of Arkansas; these are all first-class. See cards of Dr. Murrell, of Little Rock, and Dr. Spring, of Pine Bluff; they are first-class men, and can do what they promise. See cards of Drs. Marshall & Luckie, dentists—none better in the South. Drs. Cross and Watkins are too well known to need commendation; they will soon establish a hospital in Little Rock, and it will be a success. Do not fail to read the advertisements of commercial and medical colleges of our city—none better in the South. Vanderbilt, too, appears as behind none.

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OUR CHURCH HISTORY.

PROGRESS OF METHODISM.

From the year 1773—the first year in which the Minutes were published—to the year 1832, a period of fifty-nine years, the majority of the Methodist people in America resided in the Southern States. In order to show the progress by sections, we have divided the numbers accordingly, giving to each section its number in every year from 1773 to 1844. Under the term "Southern States" we include all of those States in which African slavery existed in 1860. Included in the "Northern States" are returns from Nova Scotia and from Canada. These, when omitted, will be marked by a foot-note.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH MEMBERS. TABLE I.

	SOUTHER	RN STATES	•		Northe	RN STATE	s.
Year.	Members.	Increase per cent.	Decrease per cent.	Year.	Members.	Increase per cent.	Decrease per cent.
1773	600			1773	560		
1774	1,354	125.66		1774	719	28.39	
1775	2,429	79.39		1775	764	6.25	
1776	4,398	81.06		1776	523		46.08
1777	6,480	47.33		1777	488		7.17
1778	6,095*						,
1779	8,258†	27.43†		1779	319		14.13
1780	8,118	'	1.69	1780	386	21.00	
1781	9,756	20.17		1781	783	102.84	
1782	10,601	8.65		1782	1,184	51.08	
1783	12,117	14.30		1783	1,623	37.07	
1784	13,381‡	10.43		1784	1,607		.98
1785	Total numb	per of mem	bers, 18,00	0.	1		
1786	16,747	25.15		1786	2,934	82.57	
1787	21,818	30.28		1787	4,024	37.15	
1788	32,080	47.03		1788	5,274	31.06	
1789	36,898	15.01		1789	6,364	20.66	
1790	46,951	24.53		1790	10,680	67.80	
1791	65,453	39.40		1791	10,700	.19	
1792	54,3642		16.94	1792	11,616	8.56	
1793	54,913	1.00		1793	12,730	9.59	
1794	52,396		4.58	1794	14,212	11.64	
1795	46,530		11.14	1795	13,737	3.34	
1796	44,940		3.41	1796	11,724	0.01	14.65
1797	45,151	.47		1797	13,512	15.25	11.00
1798	43,865		2.84	1798	16,304	20.66	

^{*}The British troops were in possession of New York and Philadelphia, hence there are no returns from those churches. †Compared with returns of 1777. ‡In 1784, at the organization of Methodism, the Southern States had more than eight members to one in the North. †The influence of the O'Kelley secession, and the "Republican Methodist" movement, manifests itself here, and it will be seen affecting the returns in the South, up to the year 1803. Canada Conference omitted.

	SOUTHER	RN STATES			Northe	RN STATE	S.
Year.	Members.	Increase per cent.	Decrease per cent.	Year.	Members.	Increase per cent.	Decrease per cent.
1799	43,373		1.12	1799	17,978	10.26	
1800	45,222	4.26		1800	19,672	9.42	
1801	50,354	11.34		1801	22,522	14.48	
1802	60,969	21.08		1802	25,765	14.26	
1803	68,237	17.56		1803	35,833	39.07	
1804	70,563	3.41		1804	42,571	18.80	
1805	76,069	7.80		1805	43,885	3.08	
1806	84,334	10.86		1806	46,136	5.22	
1807	96,118	13.97		1807	48,481	5.08	
1808	98,162	2.12		1808	53,820	11.10	
1809	101,599	3.48		1809	61,439	14.15	
1810	105,961	4.29		1810	68,599	11.65	
1811	111,473	5.20		1811	73,094	6.55	• • • • •
1812	120,826	8.39		1812	74,539	1.96	•••••
1813	132,840	10.90		1813	80,197	7.60	• • • • • •
1814	128,774		3.06	1814	82,355	2.63	• • • • •
1815	131,399	2.03	0.00	1815	79,766	2.00	3.14
1816	128,797		1.98	1816	85,438	7.11	0.15
1817	131,179	1.84	1.30	1817	93,674	9.65	• • • • •
1818		1	1.84				0
	128,760			1818	100,867	7.57	• • • • •
1819	125,424	11.40	2.59	1819	115,500	14.50	• • • • •
1820	139,831	11.48		1820	120,459	4.29	• • • • •
1821	151,002	7.98		1821	130,144	8.04	• • • • •
1822	162,676	7.73		1822	134,946	3.68	• • • • •
1823	165,337	1.63		1823	147,203	9.08	• • • • •
1824	178,294	7.83		1824	150,229*	2.05	
1825	192,493	7.96		1825	155,702	3.64	• • • • •
1826	191,646		.44	1826	169,154	8.63	
1827	197,409	3.00		1827	184,588	9.12	• • • • •
1828	225,419	14.18		1828	195,737	6.03	
1829	239,216	5.76		1829	208,527	6.53	
1830	257,150	7.50		1830	218,993†	5.01	
1831	266,766	3.73		1831	246,348	12.49	
1832	273,334	2.43		1832	275,334	11.76	
1833	294,473	7.50		1833	305,263	10.87	
1834	312,717	6.09		1834	326,067	6.81	
1835	313,100	.12		1835	339,428	5.91-	
1836	313,610	.16		1836	336,493		.80
1837	300,878		4.05	1837	357,279	5.26	
1838	307,960	2.35		1838	388,589	8.76	
1839	333,925	8.20		1839	405,869	4.44	
1840	381,785	14.33		1840	470,221	10.92	
1841	417,071	9.24		1841	496,012	5.48	
1842	495,201	18.73		1842	572,488	15.41	
1843	530,434	7.31	1	1843	640,048	11.80	••••
1844	541,672	2.11		1844	597,078		6.7

*Canada Conference included. †Canada Conference omitted.

There may be a few errors in this table, growing out of the fact that the Conferences on the "border" occupied territory in several States. The Philadelphia Conference, for example, embraced portions of Delaware and Maryland, whilst the Baltimore Conference occupied a portion of Pennsylvania. The names of the circuits are not always indicative of localities. But there is a near approximation to the facts in the case

Progress of Methodism Since 1844.

In 1845, in accordance with the "Plan of Separation" adopted by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1844, the Annual Conferences in the Southern States sent delegates to a Convention in Louisville, Ky., by whom the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized. The first report from the Southern Conferences shows a lay membership of 458,499 in 1845. In order to show the relative growth of the two Methodist Episcopal Churches since 1845, we select periods of five years, beginning with 1846.

TABLE II.

	М. Е. Сни	RCH, SOUT	H.	M. E. CHURCH (NORTH).				
Year.	Lay Members.	Increase per cent.	Decrease per cent.	Year.	Lay Members.	Increase per cent.	Decrease per cent.	
1846 1851 1856 1860* 1866† 1871 1876 1881 1883	455,217 529,394 636,714 749,068 420,105 605,341 731,807 849,818 894,132	44.09 20.88 16.12	22.38	1846 1851 1856 1860* 1866 1871 1876 1881	644,229 721,804 870,927 988,523 1,032,184 1,421,323 1,613,560 1,710,204 1,769,543	20.59 13.58 4.41 37.70 13.49 5.98		

GROWTH IN THE PERIOD 1866-1883.

1866	120,105 388,094	1866 1883	1,032,184 1,769,543
Increase per cent. in 17 yrs	111.39	Increase per cent. in 17 yrs.	71.43

^{*}This is four years only. The troubled condition of the Southern country in 1861 prevented the collection of statistics. †As the colored members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, were constituted an independent Church in 1870, we have given above only the number of white and Indian members in 1866. The actual loss by the war was 121,197 members.

In this table it will be seen that we have omitted the colored members altogether. In 1860 there were in full, members and probationers, 207,766 colored members in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. In 1866 only 78,742 were reported. The results of the war alienated many of the colored people from their Southern friends, and, as a consequence, they joined other Churches. But there were a great many of the colored people who desired an independent Church organization, having friendly and fraternal relations to the Southern Methodist Church. Accordingly, in 1870, the "Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America" was organized, their bishops being ordained by Southern Methodist bishops. We transferred not only our colored Church-members, but the Church property used by the negroes, and built by Southern Methodists, to this new organization. The growth of this Church

it is not so easy to determine, owing to defective statistics, but the "Methodist Year-book" places the present number of members at 155,000. If we include the colored members in 1866, the total number in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was 498,847. Adding the colored members in the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1883, we have 1,045,318. This makes the increase only 1.85 per cent. less than that given above. So that the growth of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, colored members included, in seventeen years, 1866 to 1883, was 109.54 per cent.! We believe this fact to be without a precedent in modern times. The white members of the Southern Methodist Church were doubled in fifteen years, 1866 to 1881!

TABLE III.

Year.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Indian Members.	Total.
1866	419,404	78,742	701	498,847
1883	888,094	156,255	4,783	1,045,318
		•	•	
	Increase M. E. Church,	South, in 17 years,	109.54 per cent., or	. 546,471

Comparative Growth by Sections Since 1860.

In the following table the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church (North) resident in the Southern States are placed under the column "Southern States," and the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, resident in Northern States are placed under the column "Northern States."

TABLE IV.

Methodists North and South since 1860.

	Souther	N STATES.		Northern States.				
Year.	Members.	Increase per cent.	Decrease per cent.	Year.	Members.	Increase per cent.	Decrease per cent.	
1860 1866 1871	869,367 638,204 1,006,862	57.76	26.59	1860 1866 1871	874,122 894,397 1,094,328	2.31 22.35		
1876 1881	1,000,802 1,227,527 1,403,709	21.91		1876 1881	1,275,720 1,296,313	16.57 1.61		
1883	1,490,372			1883	1,322,265*			

^{*}In this aggregate are included 42,545 members in foreign mission stations.

TABLE V.

Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church (North) Living in the South.

1860	123,692	1876	375.792
1866	139,359	1881	413,891
1871	326,995	1883	447,278

TABLE VI.

Methodists in the Two Sections.

SOUTHERN STATES	•	NORTHERN STATES.	
M. E. Church, South M. E. Church (North) Methodist Protestant Church African M. E. Church African M. E. Zion Church Colored M. E. Church Congregational and Ind. M Total	888,815 447,278 77,023 340,000 260,000 155,000 25,000	M. E. Church	16,433 48,648 50,000 40,000 119,000 159,547 7,216

In this table we have located all the members of the Evangelical Association and the United Brethren in the Northern States. This is not strictly correct, but we have no means of making a proper distribution between the two sections. The members of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Churches are placed as accurately as our data will permit. have deducted from the aggregate of the Methodist Episcopal Church the members in the foreign fields, and from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, all members living beyond the borders of the former slave-holding States. It will be seen by this table that the Southern States, with a total population in 1883 of 20,500,000, have 2,193,116 Methodist communicants, or one communicant for less than ten persons of all ages. In the North there are 1,720,564 Methodists in 34,000,000 of population, or one communicant for a little less than twenty persons of all ages. The tide of foreign immigration presents many difficulties to our Northern brethren, but we have so few foreigners in the South that we have known comparatively little of this problem. Our growth in the South is almost wholly among native Americans—our German Mission being the only exception. In Texas quite a number of Mexicans have united with our Church, but most of these are natives of the State.

METHODISTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

For the following table we are indebted to the "Methodist Yearbook." The only changes we have made are in the two items of the Methodist Episcopal Churches. We have given the Methodist Episcopal Church statistics, and those of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, from the Minutes of 1883. The data here furnished bring the figures up to the year 1883 for all the Churches. In two or three instances the numbers of local preachers are estimated by persons well informed in their respective communions.

TABLE VII.

Episcopal Methodists in the United States.

Churches.	Itinerant Preachers.	Local Preachers.	Lay Members.
Methodist Episcopal Church	12,647	10.000	
Methodist Episcopal Church, South	4,126	12,026	1,769,53
African Methodist Episcopal Church		5,892	894,13
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church	1,832	9,760	391,04
Colored Methodist Episcopal Church	2,000	2,750	300,000
Evangelical Association	$1,046 \\ 953$	683	155,00
United Brethren		599	119,75
Union American Methodist Episcopal Church	1,257 112	963 40	159,54' 3,50
	23,973	32,713	3,792,518
Non-Episcopal Methodists in	THE UNIT	ED STATES.	
Methodist Protestant Church	1,358	1,010	123,054
American Wesleyan Church	267	215	23,59
Free Methodist Church	263	326	12,71
Primitive Methodist Church	27	162	3,716
Independent Methodist Church	25	27	5,000
Congregational Methodists	• • • • • •	23	20,000
·	1,940	1,763	188,079
. Methodists in C	ANADA.		
The Methodist Church of Canada	1,216	1,261	128,644
Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada	259	255	25,671
Primitive Methodist Church	89	246	8,090
Bible Christian Church	79	197	7,398
British Methodist Episcopal Church, colored	45	20	2,100
	1,688	1,979	171,903
METHODISTS IN GREAT BRIT	AIN AND M	Issions.	
British Wesleyan Methodists in Gt. Britain .	1,917	14,183	441,484
British Wesleyan Methodists in Missions	385		70,747
Primitive Methodists	1,147	15,982	196,480
New Connection Methodists	188	1,271	29,299
United Free Methodists	391	3,417	84,152
Wesleyan Reform Union	551		8,663
Bible Christians (including Australia)	228	1,909	28,624
	4,807	36,762	859,449
Wesleyan Affiliating	G CONFERE	NCES.	
Irish Wesleyan Conference	239		25,050
French Wesleyan Conference	196		2,024
Australian Conferences	449	4,480	69,392
South African	167		26,038
	1,051	4,480	126,504

GRAND TOTAL OF MINISTERS AND LAY MEMBERS.

Churches.	Itinerant Preachers.	Local Preachers.	Lay Members.	
Methodists in Churches of United States Dominion of Canada Great Britain and Missions Affiliating Conferences	1,688 4,807	34,426 1,979 36,762 4,480	3,974,556 171,903 859,449 69,392	
	33,459	77,647	5,075,300	

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES.

The census of 1880, so far as the statistics of Churches are concerned, have not yet appeared in print. From the census of 1870 the following table is taken. These items include Church organizations, edifices, sittings, and property.

TABLE VIII.

DENOMINATIONS.	Organi- zations.	Edifices.	Sittings.	Property.
Baptist (regular)	14,174	12,857	3,997,116	\$39,229,221
Baptist (other)	1,355		363,019	2,378,997
Christian	3,578	2,822	865,602	6,425,137
Congregational	2,887	2,715	1,117,212	25,069,698
Episcopal (Protestant)	2,835	2,601	991,051	36,514,549
Evangelical Association	815	641	193,796	2,301,650
Friends	692	662	224,664	
Jewish	189	152	73,265	
Lutheran	3,032	2,766	977,332	14,917,747
Methodist	25,278	21,337	6,528,209	69,854,121
Miscellaneous	27	17	6,935	135,650
Moravian (Unitas Fratrum)	. 72	67	25,700	709,100
Mormon	189	171	87,838	
New Jerusalem (Swedenborgian)	90	61	18,755	
Presbyterian (regular)	6,262	5,683	2,198,900	
Presbyterian (other)	1,562	1,388	499,344	5.436,524
Reformed Church in America *	471	468	227,228	10,359.255
Reformed Church in United States †	1,256	1,145	431,700	5,775,215
Roman Catholic	4,127	3,806	1,990,514	60,985,566
Second Advent	225	140	34,555	306,240
Shaker	18	18	8,850	86,900
Spiritualist	95	22	6,970	100,150
Unitarian	331	310	155,471	6,282,675
United Brethren in Christ	1,445	937	265,025	1,819,810
Universalist	719	602	210,884	5,692,325
Unknown (local missions)	26	27	11,925	687,800
Unknown (union)	409	562	153,202	965,295
All denominations	72,459	63,082	21,665,062	\$354,483,581

^{*}Late Dutch Reformed. †Late German Reformed.

From these figures the "Methodist Year-book" makes the following exhibit.

TABLE IX.

DENOMINATIONS.	Organi- zations.	Edifices.	Sittings.	Property.
Total Methodists Total Baptists (all kinds) Total Presbyterians Total Congregationalists	15,829 7,824 2,887	13,962 7,070 2,715	4,360,135 2,698,244 1,117,212	41,608,198 53,265,256 25,069,698
Total Protestant Episcopal Total Roman Catholic	2,835 4,127			36,514,549 60,985,566

The United States census does not record the communicants in the various Churches, but takes notice of the Church property only. The value of this property is generally given as the "true" in contrast with the "assessed" value, which latter, in many of the States, is much less than the former.

BAPTISTS AND METHODISTS IN THE SOUTH.

From the latest returns in the Baptist Year-book for 1883, we have prepared the following table. Every denomination bearing the name "Baptist" is included, and all branches of the Methodist Church, as given in the Minutes for 1883.

TABLE X.

All denominations of Methodists in the Southern States	2,193,116 1,785,795
Methodist majority All Methodists in the United States All Baptists in the United States	
Methodist majority	

INCREASE IN CHURCH PROPERTY IN THIRTEEN SOUTHERN STATES FROM 1850 TO 1883.

In the following table we have taken the returns furnished by the United States census of 1850, and the reports given in the minutes of the several Annual Conferences for 1883. The property held by the various Conferences is assigned to the State in which the property lies. These statistics of Church property include only church-buildings and parsonages; college-buildings and similar property are not included.

It may be proper to remark that the peculiar organization of the Methodist Episcopal Churches renders the collection of Church statistics more accurate and reliable than other forms of Church government can furnish. This fact is attested by the officers of the United States census in several instances wherein the Baptist and Congregational Churches have complained of unfair treatment. It is probable that as a rule the figures of the United States census and our Annual Minutes may be

used reciprocally, as we have used them in the following table. We may remark also that in 1850 the State of West Virginia was a part of Virginia, so that thirteen States in 1850 include fourteen States in 1883. Delaware and Maryland, although Southern States, are not included in the table, as the Southern Methodist Church had few, if any, members in these States in 1850.

TABLE XI.

STATE.	No. of Churches in 1850.	No. of Churches in 1883.	Increase per cent.	Value of Church Prop. in 1850.	Value of Church Prop. in 1883.	Increase per cent.
1. Texas	173	708	309.24	\$ 58,195	\$1,006,667	1,629.81
2. Arkansas	168	592*	252.38	27,070	435,960	1,610.49
3. Missouri	263	629	139.16	281,745	1,385,750	391.88
4. N. Carolina	786	886	12.72	292,608	1,055,840	360.83
5. Tennessee.	867	1,248	43.94	381,811	1,497,958	292.32
6. Alabama	577	998	72.96	276,279	984,258	256.25
7. Georgia	809	1,138	40.66	393,943	1,392,006	253.60
8. Mississippi.	454	799	75.99	240,265	753,350	213.54
9. Virginia	1,025	1,205	16.58	725,003	2,240,105	208.97
10. Kentucky	530	690	30.19	460,755	1,345,737	191.75
11: Florida	87	160	81.60	55,260	139,686	152.77
12. S. Carolina.	484	601	24.19	341,168	776,892	127.71
13. Louisiana†.	125	173	38.40	236,500	309,373	30.08
	6,348	9,827	54.80	\$3,771,502	\$13,323,592	253.26

*The White River Conference is estimated, the Minutes not having reached us.

†In Louisiana and Texas there are churches belonging to the German Mission Conference; these are not included here.

General Note.—There may be some slight inaccuracy in the case of those Conferences which lie in two or more States. We have been as careful as possible in distributing the property to the several States, taking the districts as a whole. Where the district is divided between two or more States, it is impossible to avoid a slight error; but the difference is very small, and the general conclusion may be considered reliable.

In 1857 the Methodist Episcopal Church (North) had \$17,908,184 in church-buildings and parsonages. In 1883 the amount was \$79,238,085, an increase, in twenty-six years, of 342 per cent. In comparing the increase of Church property North and South, it must be remembered that the South sustained terrible losses by the civil war, from which we have not yet recovered. The comparative wealth of the two sections will be seen by the following figures:

In 1850 the taxable property (slaves not included) of the thirteen	
Southern States mentioned above was	\$2,480,000,000
In 1880 the taxable property in these thirteen States was	2,370,000,000
Showing a clear loss of real and personal estate in thirty years of	110,000,000
In 1850 the Northern States owned, including Maryland, Dela-	
ware, and Missouri	3,473,000,000
In 1880 these States owned	14,403,000,000

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES.

In preparing the following table we have made use of all the data accessible. The records are made up from a variety of "Annuals," "Almanacs," "Year-books," and Minutes, and bring the figures up to the close of the year 1883:

TABLE XVII.

DENOMINATIONS.	Churches.	Ministers.	Members.
Adventist	91	107	11,100
Adventist, Second	. 583	501	63,500
Adventist, Seventh-day	608	138	14,733
American Communities	14	8	2,838
Baptist	24,794	15,401	2,133,044
Baptist, Anti-mission	1,090	888	40,000
Baptist, Free-will	1,485	1,286	76,706
Baptist, Seventh-day	87	103	8,606
Baptist, Six Principle	20	17	2,075
Christian (Disciples of Christ)	4,681	3,658	567,448
Congregational	3,689	3,923	383,685
Dunkards (The Brethren)	710	1,665	90,000
Episcopal, Protestant	3,049	3,513	344,888
Episcopal, Reformed	55	68	10,459
	621	876	67,643
Friends	269	202	13,683
Jews	6,327	3,550	
Lutheran	31	3,330	800,189
Menonite, New	18,152		2,990
Methodist Episcopal	10,105	12,546	1,782,090
Methodist Episcopal, South	- 1	4,179	900,069
Methodist African (Methodist Episcopal)	• • • • • •	1,832	391,044
Methodist African (Methodist Episcopal Zion)	1.000	2,000	300,000
Colored Methodist Episcopal	1,038	648	155,000
Methodist, Free	287	601	12,120
Evangelical Association	1,332	1,340	99,607
Methodist, Independent	13	14	2,100
Methodist, Primitive	121	50	3,370
Methodist, Protestant	1,501	1,409	125,671
Methodist, Weslevan	260	472	17,847
United Brethren in Christ	2,207	2,200	155,437
Moravian	74	96	16,112
Mormon	654	3,906	110,377
New Jerusalem (Swedenborgian)	91	81	7,434
Presbyterian (North)	5,338	5,218	600,695
Presbyterian, South	1,928	1,070	127,017
Presbyterian, Cumberland	2,474	1,386	111,855
Presbyterian, Reformed	41	31	6,020
Presbyterian, United	793	1,719	84,573
Reformed Church in America	489	500	80,156
Reformed Church in United States	1,384	752	.154,742
Roman Catholie*	5,975	6,366	
Shaker	17	68	2,400
Unitarian Congregational	342	394	17,960
United Evangelical	366	363	
Universalist	719	713	26,238
Winebrennerians	569	498	20,224
EThe Roman Catholics do not make public the			

^{*}The Roman Catholics do not make public the number of communicants, as Protestant Churches do. The Roman Catholics claim a population of 6,370,858 in this country.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

1. Joshua Soule.—Born in Maine, August 1, 1781. Entered the traveling ministry in 1799; ordained Bishop in 1824, when forty-two years old, in the twenty-fifth year of his ministry. Died near Nashville, Tennessee, March 6, 1867.

2. James O. Andrew.—Born in Wilkes county, Georgia, May 3, 1794. Entered the traveling ministry in 1812; ordained Bishop in 1832, in the thirty-ninth year of his age, and the nineteenth year of his ministry. Died at Mobile, Alabama, March 2, 1871.

3. WILLIAM CAPERS.—Born in South Carolina, January 26, 1790. Entered the South Carolina Conference in 1808; ordained Bishop in 1846, aged fifty-six years, in the thirty-seventh year of his ministry. Died at Anderson Court-house, South Carolina, January 29, 1855.

4. Robert Paine.—Born in Person county, North Carolina, November 12, 1799. Entered the Tennessee Conference in 1818; ordained Hishop in 1846, aged forty-six, in the twenty-eighth year of his ministry. Died in Aberdeen, Mississippi, October 19, 1882.

5. Henry B. Bascom.—Born in Hancock, Delaware county, New York, May 27, 1796. Entered the Ohio Conference in 1813; ordained Pishop in 1850, aged fifty-four, in the thirty-sixth year of his ministry. Pied September 8, 1850, in Louisville, Kentucky.

6. George F. Pierce.—Born in Greene county, Georgia, February 3, 1811. Entered the Georgia Conference in 1831; ordained Bishop in 1854, aged forty-three, in the twenty-third year of his ministry. Died nea Sparta, Ga., September 3, 1884.

7. John Early.—Born in Bedford county, Virginia, January 1, 1786. Entered the Virginia Conference in 1807; ordained Bishop in 1854, aged sixty-eight, in the forty-seventh year of his ministry. Died in Lynchburg, Virginia, November, 1873.

.8. Hubbard H. Kavanaugh.—Born in Clarke county, Kentucky, January 14, 1802. Entered the Kentucky Conference in 1823; ordained Bishop in 1854, aged fifty-two years, in the thirtieth year of his ministry. Died in Columbus, Miss., March 19, 1884.

9. WILLIAM M. WIGHTMAN.—Born in Charleston, South Carolina, January 8, 1808. Entered the South Carolina Conference in 1828; ordained Bishop in 1866, aged fifty-eight, in the thirty-eighth year of his ministry. Died in Charleston, February 5, 1882.

10. ENOCH M. MARVIN.—Born in Warren county, Missouri, June 12, 1823. Entered the Missouri Conference in 1841; ordained Bishop

in 1866, aged forty-three, in the twenty-fourth year of his ministry. Died in St. Louis, Missouri, November 26, 1877.

11. DAVID S. DOGGETT.—Born in Lancaster county, Virginia, January 23, 1810. Entered the Virginia Conference in 1829; ordained Bishop in 1866, aged fifty-five, in the thirty-seventh year of his ministry. Died in Richmond, Virginia, October 27, 1880.

12. Holland N. McTyeire.—Born in Barnwell District, South Carolina, July 24, 1824. Entered the Virginia Conference in 1845; ordained Bishop in 1866, aged forty-one, in the twenty-first year of his ministry. Residence, Nashville, Tennessee.

13. John Christian Keener.—Born in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, February 7, 1819. Entered the Alabama Conference in 1843; ordained Bishop in 1870, aged fifty-one, in the twenty-seventh year of his ministry. Residence, New Orleans, Louisiana.

14. Alpheus W. Wilson. Born in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, February 5, 1834. Entered the Baltimore Conference in 1853; ordained Bishop in 1882, aged forty-eight, in the twenty-ninth year of his ministry. Residence, Baltimore, Maryland.

15. Linus Parker.—Born in Rome, Oneida county, New York, April 23, 1829. Entered the Louisiana Conference in 1849; ordained Bishop in 1882, aged fifty-three, in the thirty-second year of his ministry. Residence, New Orleans, Louisiana.

16. JOHN C. GRANBERY.—Born in Norfolk, Virginia, December 5, 1829. Entered the Virginia Conference in 1848; ordained Bishop in 1882, aged fifty-two, in the thirty-third year of his ministry. Residence, Richmond, Virginia.

17. ROBERT K. HARGROVE.—Born in Pickens county, Alabama, September 18, 1829. Entered the Alabama Conference in 1857; ordained Bishop in 1882, aged fifty-two, in the twenty-fourth year of his ministry. Residence, not fixed.

Number of bishops in proportion to ministers and laymen at the close of the General Conference in the years named below:

Year.	Preachers.	Members.		No. of Con- ferences.
1846, one bishop to	379	113,804	4	19
1850, one bishop to	340	102,920	5	20
1854, one bishop to		86,186	7	22
1858, one bishop to		116,528	6	23
1866, one bishop to	248	50,510	10	27
1870, one bishop to		58,641	10	34
1874, one bishop to		89,095	. 8	37
1878, one bishop to		118,882	7	39
1882, one bishop to		97,477	9	38
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